
Environmental Fact Sheet



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1998 Evergreen Award For Pollution Prevention

Busch Collision

Issaquah, Washington

The Environmental Protection Agency's 1998 Evergreen Award for Pollution Prevention recognizes the outstanding environmental efforts of Busch Collision, an automobile body repair shop located in Issaquah, Washington.

Pollution Prevention Success

- o New paint is ordered on an "as needed" basis, eliminating the amount and storage of leftover paint. A computerized paint mixing system allows employees to accurately mix only the amount of paint necessary for each job.
- o On-site lacquer thinner recycling and the use of paint gun washers, has reduced Busch's disposal of used thinner from 55 gallons per quarter to just five gallons per quarter, a 90% reduction of the waste stream. The shop also purchases recycled thinner through the Industrial Materials Exchange Program at a rate of less than 30 gallons per year.
- o Using state-of-the-art technology, ethylene glycol-based antifreeze is recycled through an in-shop process that removes all impurities, additives and dyes; this process prevents disposal of approximately 100 gallons of waste antifreeze per year.
- o The company provides cash incentive awards to its employees for recycling. Recycling takes many forms at Busch Collision: in addition to antifreeze, Freon and other chlorofluorocarbons are recovered and recycled by certified on-site technicians; and 100% of all scrap metal, cardboard, waste paper, batteries, tires and waste oil are recycled as well.
- o The company completely eliminated certain waste-generating services, such as engine cleaning and detailing.

Commitment to Environmental Quality

One of the goals set by Busch Collision's owner James Busch is to maintain its status as a "small quantity generator" of hazardous waste while the company's gross sales increase over the years. By examining all aspects of shop management with proper waste management in mind and investing in technologies that ultimately save money, Busch Collision has successfully maintained its "small quantity generator" status and provided a safer working environment for its employees. These efforts have reduced future liability costs and actively protect the Pacific Northwest environment.

Environmental Leadership

Busch Collision maintains a proactive leadership role with respect to environmentally friendly efforts within the autobody community. As a prior chair of the Automotive Service Association's Collision Division Operations and Environmental Committees, James Busch exerts a national influence on environmental issues related to autobody repair, and has assisted with development of environmental training opportunities and guidelines for the autobody repair industry.

James Busch has also made a point of working with all regulatory and enforcement agencies affecting the automotive repair industry; in doing so, he is actively informed of proposed and pending requirements while providing the agencies with real-life insight into industry practices.

In 1997, Busch Collision was given the *Governor's Award for Pollution Prevention*, and the company received a five-star rating from the King County *Envirostars* program.

For more information about Busch Collision's environmental achievements, contact James Busch at (425) 392-6561.

The Evergreen Award for Pollution Prevention

EPA's Evergreen Award recognizes outstanding pollution prevention efforts within all sectors of the greater Pacific Northwest business community.

For more information about the Region 10's Evergreen Award for Pollution Prevention, contact:

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